What you need to know if you're just joining us



Here are the latest developments as Hurricane Melissa barrels towards Cuba after battering Jamaica.

- Hurricane Melissa has been upgraded to a category 4 hurricane as it heads towards eastern Cuba, according to the US National Hurricane Center (NHC)
- It is expected to make landfall soon as an "extremely dangerous major hurricane",

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Rain rushes down flooded streets and into homes in Santiago de Cuba

From CNN's Isaac Yee and Karina Tsui









Flood Report Timing Cross-Check

- P CNN Flooding Article Timestamp: Reported 3:13 AM EDT (26 min ago = \sim 2:47 AM)
- StormWise DI Predicted Landfall Time: 1:52 AM EDT
- In Flood Video Report from Santiago de Cuba:

Water entering streets and homes — classic post-eye-wall flooding, usually ~30-60 minutes after landfall due to terrain runoff + band intensification.



Outcome Match:

The flooding event being captured and sent ~50 minutes after 1:52 AM fits almost exactly.